

1 **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

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3 This current Reply is responsive to a current and Final Office Action dated
4 (mailed) 08/07/2006. In this current Office Action, pending claims 1-4, 6-14, and
5 16-32 were examined, and all pending claims were rejected.

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7 No claims are canceled or added by this Reply. Hence, claims 1-4, 6-14,
8 and 16-32 continue to be presented for examination.

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11 It is noted that two other documents accompany submission of this current
12 Reply. These two documents are: (1) a Request to Rescind the Finality of the
13 Previous Office Action and (2) a Request for an Examiner Interview.

14 The former (1) document explains why the Final Rejection status should be
15 rescinded and prosecution continued in accordance with standard MPEP
16 procedures.

17 The latter (2) document is, more specifically, an “Applicant Initiated
18 Interview Request Form” PTOL-413A. **Applicants’ representative requests that**
19 **the Examiner Interview occur prior to issuance of another Office Action.**
20 Applicants’ representative will be available on a day and at a time of the
21 Examiner’s convenience.